

**REMARKS**

**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Prior to the filing of this Response, claims 1-15 were pending in the present application. By this Response, claims 2-7 are canceled, leaving claims 1 and 8-15 unchanged. Claims 2-7 were withdrawn previously in response to a Restriction Requirement.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS – DOUBLE PATENTING**

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 8-15 are rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,717,813. The Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in the present application in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,717,813. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the nonstatutory double-patenting rejections of claims 1 and 8-15.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. The Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the attorneys of record in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

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